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AGREE YOUR INTERVIEW WITH AL- AMAL DIRECTOR WILL PRO-
VIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY SET OUT OUR POSITION ON PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM GENERAL THRUST YOUR PROPOSED
REMARKS PARA 3 REFTEL. YOU SHOULD HOWEVER AMEND PRESENTA-
TION SOMEWHAT AS FOLLOWS:

3.(B)- YOU SHOULD CONDEMN TERROR IN MORE DIRECT AND
CATEGORIC TERMS, DRAWING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OUR DIS-
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TRAGEDY.

3.(D)- IN DISCUSSING PALESTINIAN RETURN YOU SHOULD CONFINE YOURSELF TO NOTING OUR SUPPORT FOR PARA 11, UNGA RES. 194 (III): " RESOLVES THAT THE REFUGEES WISHING TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND LIVE AT PEACE WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO DO SO AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE, AND THAT COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID FOR THE PROPERTY OF THOSE CHOOSING NOT TO RETURN ...".

3.(E)- THIS IS CORRECT AS STATED, BUT YOU SHOULD AVOID ANY IMPLICATION IT IS U. S. INTENTION TO DEFINE OR PROMOTE PALESTINIAN ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. (F)- YOU SHOULD AVOID ANY IMPLICATION WE ENVISAGE, OR WILL ATTEMPT TO FURTHER, THE EMERGENCE OUT OF THE PEACE PROCESS OF A " PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PERSONALITY" OR ENTITY. YOU SHOULD BASE YOUR REMARKS CLOSELY ON SECRETARY' S STATEMENT RE PALESTINIANS IN HIS DEC 1969 GALAXY SPEECH AND, MOST RECENTLY, ON ASST SEC SISCO' S RESPONSE ON " FACE THE NATION" FEB 25, AS FOLLOWS: THE UNITED STATES HAS " BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS WITH ONE OBJECTIVE IN MIND, NAMELY, TO TRY TO ACHIEVE A DURABLE PEACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NOVEMBER, 1967 RESOLUTION THAT MEETS THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF BOTH SIDES, OF THE ISRAELIS, OF THE ARAB STATES, AND, I MIGHT ADD, THE PALESTINIANS BECAUSE THERE IS NO DURABLE PEACE THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THIS AREA WITHOUT MEETING THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF THE PALESTINIANS.". ROGERS

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